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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 Sept. 07, Response to Restriction.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 15-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 15-19 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-10 and 15-19 are pending and subject to a second Restriction Requirement for the reasons given below.

Response to Remarks

In response to the Restriction Requirement sent 7 September 2007, Applicant elected Group I, **Claims 1-6, 10, 15, and 16**, *without traverse*. Applicant requested the Examiner correct the typographical error in which two Group Vs are recited. In fact, the second Group V should have been Group VI, and Group XV should have been Group VII. These groupings are moot in light of the new Restriction Requirement put forth here.

Applicant's elected Group has proven too large to search comprehensively, and the Claims are now being rerestricted.

Election/Restriction

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

Lack of Unity Requirement

A restriction is required according to the provision of PCT Rule 13.2, since **Claims 1-10 and 15-19** are drawn to more than one inventive concept (as defined by PCT Rule 13). PCT Rule 13.1 states that the international application shall relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept (requirement of unity of invention). Further, PCT Rule 13.2 states unity of invention referred to in Rule 13.1 shall be

fulfilled only when there is a "technical relationship" among those inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features.

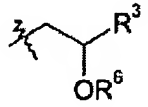
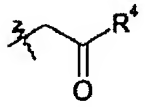
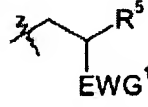
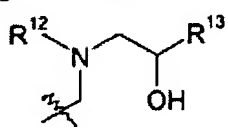
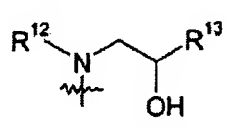
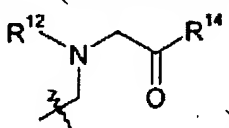
Annex B, Part 1 (b), provides that "special technical features" mean those technical features, which, as a whole, define a contribution over the prior art.

This application contains inventions not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The following groups are exemplary, wherein the variables are defined based upon the Examples provided in the Specification:

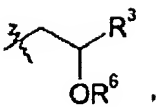
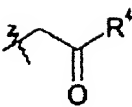
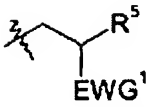
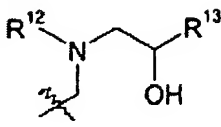
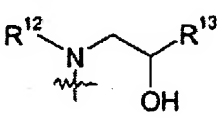
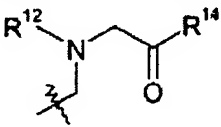
- **Group Ia: Claims 1, 7, 10, 16, and 17** (Ar^1 and Ar^2 are not listed in Claim 7 but do fit within the scope of this Group, when G is CH):

- Ar^1 is phenyl;
- Ar^2 is phenyl;
- n is 0;

- R^1 is , , and  (or in Claim 7, R^{11} is , , and ); and
- R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} acyl, substituted C_{1-10} acyl, substituted C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkylene, or substituted C_{1-10} alkylene
- All other variables are as defined.

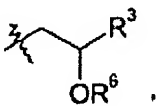
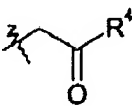
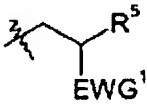
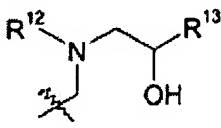
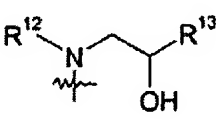
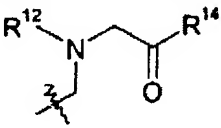
- **Group Ib: Claims 1, 7, 10, 16, and 17** (Ar^1 and Ar^2 are not listed in Claim 7 but do fit within the scope of this Group, when G is CH):

- Ar^1 is phenyl;
- Ar^2 is phenyl;
- n is 0;

- R^1 is , , and  (or in Claim 7, R^{11} is , , and ); and
- R^2 is C_{1-10} alkylene, wherein said alkylene is linked to a ring carbon of Ar^1 ;
- All other variables are as defined.

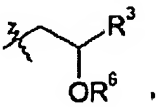
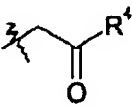
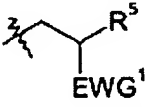
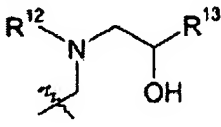
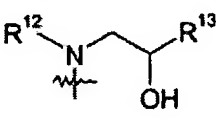
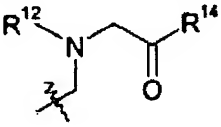
- **Group IIa: Claims 1, 7, 10, 16, and 17** (Ar^1 and Ar^2 are not listed in Claim 7 but do fit within the scope of this Group, when G is N)

- Ar^1 is pyridine;
- Ar^2 is phenyl;
- n is 0;

- R^1 is , , and  (or in Claim 7, R^{11} is , , and ); and
- R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} acyl, substituted C_{1-10} acyl, substituted C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkylene, or substituted C_{1-10} alkylene;
- All other variables are as defined.

- **Group IIb: Claims 1, 7, 10, 16, and 17** (Ar^1 and Ar^2 are not listed in Claim 7 but do fit within the scope of this Group, when G is N)

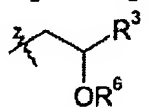
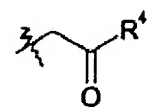
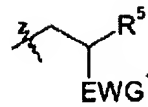
- Ar^1 is pyridine;
- Ar^2 is phenyl;
- n is 0;

- R^1 is , , and  (or in Claim 7, R^{11} is , , and ); and

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- All other variables are as defined.

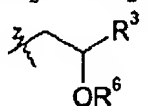
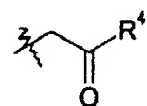
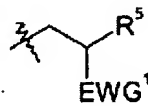
• **Group IIIa: Claims 1-6 and 10:**

- Ar^1 is phenyl;
- Ar^2 is phenyl;
- n is 1;
- X is CH_2 or CH_2CH_2 ;

- R^1 is , , and ;
- R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} acyl, substituted C_{1-10} acyl, substituted C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkylene, or substituted C_{1-10} alkylene;
- All other variables are as defined.

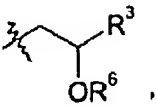
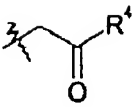
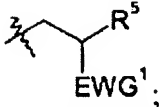
• **Group IIIb: Claims 1-6, 9, and 10 (Ar^1 and Ar^2 are not listed in Claim 9 but do fit within the scope of this Group, when G is CH):**

- Ar^1 is phenyl;
- Ar^2 is phenyl;
- n is 1;
- X is CH_2 or CH_2CH_2 ;

- R^1 is , , and ;
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- All other variables are as defined.

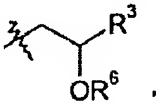
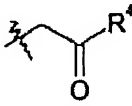
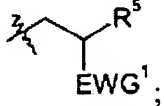
• **Group IVa: Claims 1-5 and 10:**

- Ar^1 is pyridine;
- Ar^2 is phenyl;
- n is 1;
- X is CH_2 or CH_2CH_2 ;

- R^1 is , , and ;
- R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} acyl, substituted C_{1-10} acyl, substituted C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkylene, or substituted C_{1-10} alkylene
- All other variables are as defined.

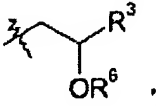
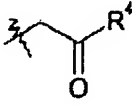
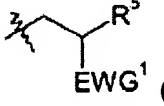
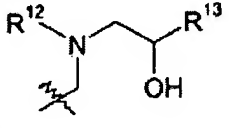
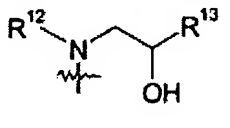
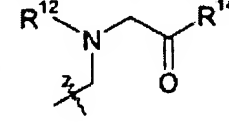
- **Group IVa: Claims 1-5, 9, and 10** (Ar^1 and Ar^2 are not listed in **Claim 9** but do fit within the scope of this Group, when G is N):

- Ar^1 is pyridine;
- Ar^2 is phenyl;
- n is 1;
- X is CH_2 or CH_2CH_2 ;

- R^1 is , , and ;
- R^2 is C_{1-10} alkylene, wherein said alkylene is linked to a ring carbon of Ar^1 ;
- All other variables are as defined.

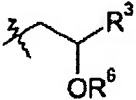
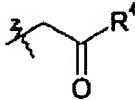
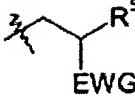
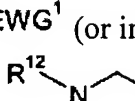
- **Group Va: Claims 1-4, 8, and 10:**

- Ar^1 is phenyl (G is CH in **Claim 8**);
- Ar^2 is thiophene;
- n is 0

- R^1 is , , and  (or in **Claim 8**, R^{11} is , , and ); and
- R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} acyl, substituted C_{1-10} acyl, substituted C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkylene, or substituted C_{1-10} alkylene;
- All other variables are as defined.

- **Group Vb: Claims 1-4, 8, and 10:**

- Ar^1 is pyridine (G is N in **Claim 8**);
- Ar^2 is thiophene;
- n is 0

- R^1 is , , and  (or in **Claim 8**, R^{11} is ); and
- R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} acyl, substituted C_{1-10} acyl, substituted C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{1-10} alkylene, or substituted C_{1-10} alkylene;
- All other variables are as defined.

- **Group VI: Claim 18**

- **Group VII: Claim 19**

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which these claims must be restricted. This listing of Groups is not exhaustive, as it would be impossible to produce such a list under the time constraints due to the large volume of subject matter claimed in this application.

There is no structural moiety common throughout **Claims 1-10** and **15-19**. Therefore, there is also no special technical feature. Each Group listed is drawn to a different generic structure, none of which anticipate or render the other Groups obvious.

Claims 1-10 and **15-19**, then, are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept, and there is a lack of unity of invention. The variables vary extensively and when taken as a whole result in vastly different compounds. Additionally, the vastness and complications of

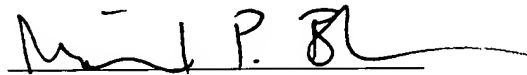
the claimed subject matter impose a serious burden on any examination of the claimed subject matter.

Because the claims do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 and lack the same or corresponding special technical features, the claims lack unity of invention and should be limited to a product, a process for the manufacture of said product, or a method of use.

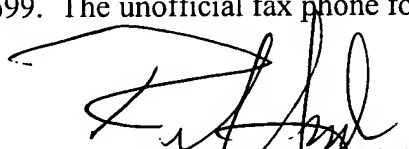
After making an election, Applicant is reminded to withdraw all of the nonelected subject matter. Indication of the withdrawal in the Claims should reflect the proper status identifiers.

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael P. Barker whose telephone number is (571) 272-4341. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699. The unofficial fax phone for this group are (571) 273-8300.



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